Pre-determination Procedures for Warrant Officer school

An enlisted soldier applies for pre-determination to enter the WOC program in a specific WO MOS. Upon predetermination approval, he/she submits additional paperwork and then goes before the federal recognition board. If the board approves, an order is published in grade of WOC. Upon completion of WOCS, the WOC is appointed as a WO1.

Warrant Officer Basic Course

Promotion Requirement to CW2

The WO1 has two (2) years to attend Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) in his/her specific MOS. After two years times in grade as a WO1 and completing WOBC, the WO1 is promotable to CW2.

Warrant Officer Advance Course

Promotion Requirement to CW3

The military education required for a CW2 to be promoted to CW3 is the completion of the Warrant Officer Advance Course (WOAC). The Pre-requisite Common Core course is mandatory for all warrant officers beginning WOAC. The course is now offered either via correspondence or via the internet. It has changed from the 12 or so books to one book. An individual can enroll on the internet but if you do that, you must complete it over the internet, no book is issued. The Pre-requisite Common Core course required for WOAC completion can be found at http://155.217.58.58. Search for "Correspondence Courses" and select "ST700". After completion of the pre-requisite Common Core course, the CW2 must then complete PRIOR to attending the MOS specific portion of WOAC. However, the Pre-requisite Common Core course MUST be completed before requesting promotion to CW3. Proof that you completed the Pre-requisite Common Core course is required to be part of the CW2's promotion packet so do not misplace the certificate of completion. Also you must have three years time in grade as a CW2 to apply to this course.

Warrant Officer Staff Course

Promotion Requirement to CW4

NGR 600-101 effective 1 Oct 96 includes a requirement for completion of the WO Staff Course (WOSC) at Ft Rucker as a requirement for promotion from CW3 to CW4. WOSC is a common core 4 week resident course designed to prepare warrant officers to serve in staff positions at the brigade or higher level. Currently the resident course is both active and reserve components. As a CW3 you must have you must have three years time in grade to apply for this course.

NGR 600-101 page 26 table 7-2 Note the following change: This requirement is effective 1 Oct 98. As an exception, warrant officers who on 1 Oct 98 have attained three years time in grade as CW3 are not required to complete this course.

Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course

Promotion Requirement to CW5

The CW4 can apply for the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course (WOSSC) after four (4) years time in grade as a CW4 and having been selected by a CAARNG selection board for promotion to CW5. After Five years time in grade, and being selected for promotion to CW5, and completing WOSSC, the CW4 is promotable to CW5.